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Attention: Prop 65 Coordinator, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000, Oakland, CA 94612

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REPORT OF SETTLEMENT

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PARTIES TO THE ACTION	PLAINTIFF(S) Shefa LMV Inc.				
	DEFENDANT(S) INVOLVED IN SETTLEMENT Coghlan's LTD				
CASE INFO	COURT DOCKET NUMBER n/a		COURT NAME n/a		
	SHORT CASE NAME n/a				
REPORT INFO	INJUNCTIVE RELIEF Reformulation and/or Warning label				
	PAYMENT: CIVIL PENALTY \$4,000	PAYMENT: ATTORNEYS FEES \$19,500	PAYMENT: OTHER 0.00		
	WILL SETTLEMENT BE SUBMITTED TO COURT? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	IF YES, AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT BY COURT, REPORT OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL		DATE SETTLEMENT SIGNED 11 / 16 / 2017	
	COPY OF SETTLEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED				For Internal Use Only
FILER INFO	NAME OF CONTACT Daniel N. Greenbaum				
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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN SHEFA LMV, INC. AND COGHLAN'S LTD.

Shefa LMV, INC. (“Shefa”) and Coghlan’s Ltd. (“Defendant”), (Shefa and Defendant collectively referred to as, the “Parties”) enter into this agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) for the purpose of avoiding prolonged and costly litigation to settle Shefa's allegations that Defendant violated the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 *et seq.* (“Proposition 65”). The effective date of this Settlement Agreement shall be the date upon which it is fully executed by all Parties hereto (the “Effective Date”).

1. Introduction

1.1. Shefa is a California-based entity that seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer and industrial products.

1.2. Shefa alleges that Defendant manufactures, imports, sells, or distributes for sale in the state of California plastic pond net products that contain Di-[2-Ethylhexyl]Phthalate (“DEHP”) and plastic camp shower products that contain Diisononyl Phthalate (“DINP”) without first providing a clear and reasonable warning as required by Proposition 65.

1.3. DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

1.4. DINP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to cause cancer.

1.5. The products covered by this Settlement Agreement are plastic pond net products manufactured for, or distributed or sold by, Defendant to others, including, but not limited to,

Pond Net “CPSIA Certified”; UPC056389002326; and plastic camp shower products manufactured for, or distributed or sold by, Defendant to others, including, but not limited to, Solar Heated Camp Shower; UPC056389099654.

1.6. The products covered by this Settlement Agreement are referred to herein collectively as the “Covered Products.”

1.7. On January 1, 1988, the Governor of California added DEHP to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer.

1.8. On October 24, 2003, the Governor of California added DEHP to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity.

1.9. On December 20, 2013, the Governor of California added DINP to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer.

1.10. These additions took place more than twelve (12) months before Shefa served its “60-Day Notice of Violation” which is further described below.

1.11. DEHP and DINP are referred to hereafter as the “Listed Chemicals.”

1.12. On or about March 2, 2017, Shefa served Defendant, as well as certain relevant public enforcement agencies with a document entitled “60-Day Notice Of Violation” (“Notice”) advising of its intent to sue for violation of Proposition 65 relative to Covered Products containing the Listed Chemicals.

1.13. The Notice alleged that Defendant violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn consumers in California that use of Covered Products exposes users to the Listed Chemicals.

1.14. To the best of the Parties’ knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting the same allegations against Defendant.

1.15. Defendant denies all material, factual and legal allegations contained in the Notice and maintains that all of the products that it has sold and distributed in California, including the Covered Products, are and have been in compliance with all laws.

1.16. The Parties enter into this Settlement Agreement solely to resolve by way of compromise disputed claims.

1.17. By execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties do not admit any facts or conclusions of law, including, but not limited to, any facts or conclusions of law regarding any violation of Proposition 65, or any other statutory, regulatory, common law, or equitable doctrine.

1.18. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission by any Party of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law.

1.19. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement, nor compliance with its terms, shall constitute or be construed, considered, offered, or admitted as evidence of an admission or evidence of fault, wrongdoing, or liability by Defendant, its officers, directors, employees, or parents, subsidiaries or affiliated corporations, in any administrative or judicial proceeding or litigation in any court, agency, or forum.

2. Release

2.1 This Settlement Agreement is a full, final, and binding resolution between Shefa, acting in its individual capacity only, and not its representative capacity, on the one hand, and (a) Defendant, and its owners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, sister and related companies, employees, shareholders, members, officers, directors, insurers, attorneys, predecessors, successors, and assigns (collectively the “Releasees”) of any violation(s) or

claimed violation(s) of Proposition 65 or any statutory or common law claim that has been, could have been asserted against the Releasees prior to the Effective Date.

2.2 Furthermore, this Settlement Agreement is a full, final, and binding resolution between Shefa, acting in its individual capacity only, and not its representative capacity, on the one hand, and (a) Releasees, and (b) all entities to whom Releasees directly or indirectly provide, distribute, or sell the Covered Products only, including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members and licensees, including Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc., and the predecessors, successors, and assigns of any of them ("Downstream Releasees"), on the other hand, of any violation(s) or claimed violation(s) of Proposition 65 or any statutory or common law claim that has been, could have been or may in the future be asserted against the Releasees and/or Downstream Releasees regarding exposing persons to the Listed Chemicals and the failure to warn about exposure to the Listed Chemicals arising only in connection with the Covered Products manufactured, shipped, and/or otherwise distributed prior to the Effective Date, even if sold by Downstream Releasees after the Effective Date.

2.3 The Covered Products are limited to those manufactured, distributed and/or sold by Defendant.

2.4 Shefa, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives and releases all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action, including, without limitation, all actions, and causes of action, in law or in equity, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses, or expenses (including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert fees,

and attorneys' fees) (collectively the "Claims") against Releasees and/or Downstream Releasees consistent with Sections 2.2 and 2.3 of this Settlement Agreement.

2.5 Shefa acknowledges and warrants that it understands that certain provisions of California State law may exclude certain claims from the scope of a general release, unless such provisions of law are acknowledged and the claims protected by those provisions are waived and released as part of the general release. Shefa notes that such provisions include, without limitation, the provisions of California Civil Code section 1542, entitled "General Release—Claims Extinguished," which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

Being aware of the existence of such statutes, Shefa hereby expressly, voluntarily, and knowingly waives any and all rights it might have under such statutes. Shefa further expressly, voluntarily, and knowingly waives any and all rights they might have under any other statutes or common law principles in California or other statute, civil law, or common law of any other jurisdiction, foreign or domestic, purporting to have similar effect.

3. Defendants Duties

3.1 Commencing 90 days from the Effective Date, Defendant shall only sell or offer for sale in California Covered Products that are "Compliant Products." For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, "Compliant Products" are defined as those Covered Products containing the Listed Chemicals in a concentration less than or equal to 1000 parts per million ("ppm") (0.1%) when analyzed pursuant to a scientifically reliable application of U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C or any other scientifically reliable methodology for determining the Listed Chemicals content in a substance of the form of the Covered Products herein, or those Covered Products exhibiting a warning (see below).

3.2 Whenever a clear and reasonable warning is required under Section 3.1 for Covered Product offered for sale in the State of California, it shall state one of the warnings described in Section 3.3 in such a conspicuous and prominent manner as to be likely to be read and understood by the consumer prior to or at the time of the sale or purchase. The warning requirement shall not apply to Covered Products that are already in the stream of commerce as of the Effective Date.

3.3 The Parties agree that either of the following warnings shall constitute a Compliant Warning for the Listed Chemicals in the Covered Products:

(a) the text, “**WARNING** This product can expose you to DEHP which is known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.” accompanied by and placed to the right of a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline sized to be no smaller than the word, “**WARNING**” as provided by regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016; or

(b) the text, “**WARNING** This product can expose you DINP which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.” accompanied by and placed to the right of a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline sized to be no smaller than the word, “**WARNING**” as provided by regulations

adopted on or about August 30, 2016; or

(b) the text, “**WARNING** Cancer and Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.” accompanied by and placed to the right of a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline sized to be no smaller than the word, “WARNING” as provided by regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016.

3.4 The Parties agree that the specifications for Compliant Warnings in this Settlement Agreement are consistent with Proposition 65 and its regulations as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, and regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016 to become effective August 30, 2018.

3.5 If modifications or amendments to Proposition 65 or its regulations after the Effective Date are inconsistent with, or provide warning specifications or options different from, the specifications in this Settlement Agreement, Defendant may modify the content and delivery methods of its warnings to conform to the modified or amended provisions of Proposition 65 or its regulations.

4. Payments

4.1 Payment from Defendant. Within ten (10) business days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall make the Total Settlement Payment of \$23,500.00.

4.2 Allocation of Payments. The Total Settlement Payment shall be paid in three (3) separate checks made payable and allocated as follows:

4.2.1 Civil Penalty. Defendant shall pay \$4,000.00 as a civil penalty pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b). The civil penalty shall be

apportioned in accordance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 (25% to Shefa and 75% to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA")). Accordingly, the OEHHA portion of the civil penalty payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 shall be made payable to OEHHA and associated with taxpayer identification number 68-0284486. This payment shall be delivered as follows:

For United States Postal Service Delivery:

Attn: Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
P.O. Box 4010, MS #19B
Sacramento, CA 95812-4010

For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

Attn: Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
1001 I Street, MS #19B
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Shefa portion of the civil penalty payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 shall be made payable to Shefa LMV, Inc. and associated with taxpayer identification number 81-0907002. This payment shall be delivered to the Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

4.2.2 Attorney's fees and Costs. A reimbursement of Shefa's attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$19,500.00 payable to the "Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum," and associated with taxpayer identification number 46-4580172. This payment shall be delivered to the Law Office of Daniel N.

Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

4.2.3 Tax Forms. Additionally, two separate 1099s shall be issued for the above payments: The first 1099 shall be issued to OEHHA, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95184 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount of \$3,000.00. The second 1099 shall be issued in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Shefa and delivered to: Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

5. Authority to Enter Into Settlement Agreement

5.1 Shefa represents that its signatory to this Settlement Agreement has full authority to enter into and legally bind Shefa to this Settlement Agreement.

5.2 Defendant represents that its signatory to this Settlement Agreement has full authority to enter into and legally bind Defendant to this Settlement Agreement.

6. Report of the Settlement Agreement to the Office of the Attorney General

Shefa shall report this Settlement Agreement to the Attorney General's Office within five (5) days of the Parties' execution of this Settlement Agreement.

7. Execution in Counterparts and Facsimile

7.1 This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute the same document.

7.2 A facsimile or portable document format (PDF) signature shall be as valid as the original.

8. Entire Agreement

8.1 This Settlement Agreement contains the sole and entire agreement and

understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all related prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings related hereto.

8.2 No other agreements, oral or otherwise, unless specifically referred to herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties.

9. Modification of Settlement Agreement

Any modification to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the Parties.

10. Application of Settlement Agreement

This Settlement Agreement shall apply to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, Shefa and the Releasees and Downstream Releasees identified in Section 2 above.

11. Enforcement of Settlement Agreement

11.1 Any party may file suit before the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in paragraphs 11.2 and 11.3 of this Settlement Agreement, to enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Settlement Agreement.

11.2 No action to enforce this Settlement Agreement may be commenced or maintained, and no notice of violation related to the Covered Products may be served or filed against Defendant by Shefa, unless the party seeking enforcement or alleging violation notifies the other party of the specific acts alleged to breach this Settlement Agreement at least 90 days before serving or filing any action or Notice of Violation and the entity receiving the notice fails to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 11.3 below.

11.3 Any notice to Defendant must contain (a) the name of the product, including

SKU if applicable (b) specific dates when the product was sold after the Effective Date in California without reformulation or a warning, (c) the store or other place at which the product was available for sale to consumers, and (d) evidence that the Reformulation Standard was exceeded or warning not provided, and (e) any other evidence or other support for the allegations in the notice.

11.4 Within 30 days of receiving the notice described in Section 11.2, Defendant shall either (1) send the store or other place at which the product was available for sale to the public a letter directing that the offending product be immediately removed from inventory and returned to Defendant, or (2) refute the information provided under Section 11.2.

11.5 Should the parties be unable to resolve the dispute, any party may seek relief under Section 11.1.

11.6 Shefa shall not file any formal action nor move forward with any legal or equitable claims if Defendant complies with this Section 11.3.

11.7 No party shall file any action or move forward with any legal or equitable claim based upon the provisions of this Settlement Agreement, unless they have met and conferred in good faith, and at least 30 days have passed since the parties met and conferred in good faith.

12. Notification Requirements

Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be effective only if given in writing and delivered in person, certified or registered mail return receipt requested, or traceable overnight delivery service, to the following designees:

<u>For Shefa:</u> Daniel N. Greenbaum, Esq. Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum 7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Suite 320	<u>For Coghlan's Ltd:</u> Glenn Gursky Chief Financial Officer Coghlan's
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Van Nuys, CA 91406	121 Irene Street Winnipeg, MB R3T 4C7
With a Copy To: Melissa A. Jones, Esq. STOEL RIVES LLP 500 Capitol Mall, Suite 1600 Sacramento CA 95814	

Any party may change its designee(s) for purposes of notification by providing written notice of such change pursuant to this section.

13. SEVERABILITY

If subsequent to the execution of this Settlement Agreement, any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement are held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions remaining shall not be adversely affected.

14. GOVERNING LAW

14.1 The Terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California.

14.2 In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted or otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Covered Products, then Defendant shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement with respect to, and to the extent that, any Covered Products that are so affected.

14.3 This Settlement Agreement shall apply to and be binding upon Shefa and Defendant and their respective, divisions, subdivisions, and subsidiaries, successors and assigns.

14.4 The Parties, including their counsel, have participated in the preparation of this Settlement Agreement and this Settlement Agreement is the result of the joint efforts of the

Parties.

14.5 This Settlement Agreement was subject to revision and modification by the Parties and has been accepted and approved as to its final form by all Parties and their counsel.

14.6 Each Party to this Settlement Agreement agrees that any statute or rule of construction providing that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party should not be employed in the interpretation of this Settlement Agreement and, in this regard, the Parties hereby waive California Civil Code § 1654.

15. AUTHORIZATION

15.1 Each signatory to this Settlement Agreement certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Settlement Agreement and to enter into and execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Party represented and legally bind that Party.

15.2 The undersigned have read, understand and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.

15.3 Except as explicitly provided herein, each Party is to bear its own fees and costs.

AGREED TO:

Dated: 11/16/2017

SHEFA LMV, INC.

By:  _____

Dated: NOV 16 2017

COGHLAN'S LTD

By:  _____